

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the claimed, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: CONNECTING MEMBER FOR CONNECTING CARRIER TAPES AND CARRIER TAPE CONNECTING METHOD USING THIS CONNECTING MEMBER the specification of which: (check one)

is attached hereto. was filed on _____, 20_____, as United States Patent Application Serial No. or PCT International Application Number _____ and was amended on _____, 20_____. (If applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56(a).

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<u>2000-310420</u> (Application No.)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>October 11, 2000</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Priority Claimed [X] [] Yes No
<u>2001-242876</u> (Application No.)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>August 9, 2001</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	[X] [] Yes No [] [] Yes No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application No. _____

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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In consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned,

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USING THIS CONNECTING MEMBER

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